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Title : **PROCESSING APPARATUS HAVING A  
SUPPORT MEMBER MADE OF METAL MATRIX  
COMPOSITE BETWEEN A PROCESS  
CHAMBER AND A PLACEMENT STAGE**

Customer No. 23911

AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

The Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks in response to the Office Action mailed March 30, 2005, for which the three-month response due date is June 30, 2005.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.